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FROM CHARGE TO ASST SECY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 222239

1. I BELIEVE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ENCOURAGING THESE TALKS COULD BE USEFUL. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT HERE, THE PERUVIAN "NON-AGRESSION PACT" INITIATIVE IS MEANT TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN ACCIDENTAL CONFRONTATION BY WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM AREAS CLOSE TO INTERNATIONAL BORDERS, EXCHANGING INFORMATION ON MILITARY EXERCISES, EXCHANGING ADDITIONAL MILITARY OBSERVERS, AND OTHER MEASURES OF THIS KIND WHICH CLOSELY PARALLEL AGREEMENTS REACHED AT THE CSCE. BANZER ADMINISTRATION HAS REPEATEDLY RENOUNCED PUBLICLY THE USE OF FORCE TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVE OF A SOVEREIGN OUTLET TO THE SEA, SO I DO NOT SEE MUCH DANGER IN OUR SUPPORTING THESE NEGOTIATIONS PUBLICLY. AS I RECALL, YOUR STATEMENT ON AYACUCHO DECLARATION WAS WELL RECEIVED IN BOLIVIA.

2. AS TO PRIVATE APPROACHES IN BILATERAL TALKS, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO MEET WITH THE RESPECTIVE FOREIGN
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MINISTERS DURING THE UNGA AND FURTHER ENDORSE THE NON-

AGGRESSION INITIATIVE WHICH CAN MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO POLITICAL STABILITY AND MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN AREA. YOU MIGHT, IN THE PROCESS, GET A REQUEST FROM THE BOLIVIAN FONMIN TO SUPPORT BOLIVIA'S EA OUTLET ASPIRATIONS. THERE ARE TWO WAYS YOU COULD RESPOND POSITIVELY WITHOUT, IN MY VIEW, UPSETTING CHILE OR PERU. FIRST, YOU COULD DO WHAT MANY OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE DONE, NAMELY EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING FOR BOLIVIA'S CONCERNS OVER ITS LANDLOCKED STATUS, AND SUPPORT FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. SECONDLY, YOU COULD EXPRESS USG INTEREST IN SUPPORTING A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE TRI-BORDER AREA WHICH WOULD BENEFIT ALL THREE COUNTRIES IF THIS KIND OF SUPPORT WOULD HELP THEIR NEGOTIATIONS. PARKER

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